

Statement of the Radiology Society of Connecticut Re: House Bill 7163

Good afternoon.

Senator Handley, Representative Sayers; Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Dr. Marc Glickstein and I am the immediate past President and current Vice President of the Radiology Society of Connecticut.

Unfortunately, due to clinical responsibilities, I am unable to be here in person today and instead, am having this statement read into the record by _____

The Radiology Society of Connecticut is the state chapter of the American College of Radiology. We represent approximately 400 radiologists in the state of Connecticut, of whom approximately 90%, are members of the society. The Radiology Society of Connecticut strongly supports the proposed word changes to the Radiographer License Bill (chapter 376c) which is being recommended in the Public Health Bill, HB 7163.

The current sections of the general statutes, namely sections 21-74 bb and 20-74 dd are proposed to have wording changes.

Section 21-74 bb is proposed to be expanded to include the possibility of a verbal order, in addition to a written order, allowing a radiology technologist to operate a medical x-ray system.

Section 20-74 dd is proposed to allow a wording change permitting a radiological technologist to perform venipuncture and administer intravenous medication for diagnostic procedures. This will not limit the venue of services to be specifically in hospitals, but rather will allow the radiology technologist to perform these functions in other locations.

The Radiology Society of the Connecticut strongly supports these proposed changes. When this bill was first implemented in 1993, the practice of radiology was very different from what it is today. As in virtually all areas of medicine, technological advances have dramatically changed the scope and intensity of medical services provided to all patients. The scope of services provided by radiological technologists is different today just as it is for physicians in general, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other members of the health care delivery team.

Radiology technologists are an integral part of the health care system and are intimately involved with providing diagnostic services to patients. These diagnostic services are appropriately provided in both inpatient and outpatient facilities. The proposed changes in the wording of the general statutes appropriately reflects the level of involvement of radiological technologists in the health care system. This wording appropriately reflects the level of care and training provided by these healthcare professionals based on the standard of care, both on a statewide and on a national basis.

Thank you very much.
Sincerely,

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